

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 24-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claim 23 as follows.

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) ~~The composition of claim 22,~~ A composition suitable for injection through a needle into a host prepared by a method comprising:

(a) mixing dry microparticles with an injection vehicle to form a first suspension; and

(b) mixing the first suspension with a viscosity enhancing agent to form a second suspension, wherein the viscosity enhancing agent increases viscosity of a fluid phase of the second suspension to be in the range of from about 20 cp to about 600 cp at 20° C, wherein the viscosity of the fluid phase of the second suspension provides injectability of the composition through a needle ranging in diameter from 18-22 gauge,

wherein the microparticles comprise an active agent and a polymeric binder, and

wherein the polymeric binder is poly(d,l-lactide-co-glycolide) having a molar ratio of lactide to glycolide in the range of from about 85:15 to about 50:50.

24-34. (Cancelled)